

POOL 12 OVERWINTERING

HABITAT REHABILITATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

**Pool 12
Upper Mississippi River Miles
564.0 - 573.0**

**Jo Daviess County, Illinois
Rock Island District**



RESOURCE PROBLEM:

Presently, overwintering habitat for fish and backwater habitat for both waterfowl and fish are very limited in Pool 12. Sedimentation of backwater lakes and sloughs has reduced the value of historic overwintering areas. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources has documented that the overwintering habitat in Pool 12 has become a limiting factor for survival of largemouth bass.

PROJECT FEATURE:

- * Deepen backwater lakes and sloughs or restore access to existing off channel deep water areas by removing sediment plugs. Targeted areas: Tippy Lake, Hires Lake, Kehough Slough, Fishtrap Lake, and Sunfish Lake.

PROJECT OUTPUTS:

Deepening the identified lakes and sloughs would provide critically important overwintering habitat for fish.

FINANCIAL DATA:

General design costs are estimated at \$400,000. Construction costs will be developed in the feasibility report once a preliminary plan is established. The project is located within the USFWS Savannah Wildlife Refuge and is 100% federally funded. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is the non-Federal project sponsor.

STATUS:

General design of the project is underway. Initial ideas have been received from the project partners.